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Honoring the 100th anniversary of President Theodore Roosevelt's Conference of Governors, supporting the goals and ideals of that Conference, and recognizing the need for a similar undertaking today.

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Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. FARR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Honoring the 100th anniversary of President Theodore Roosevelt's Conference of Governors, supporting the goals and ideals of that Conference, and recognizing the need for a similar undertaking today.

Whereas President Roosevelt recognized the need to conserve natural resources as a means of protecting the wealth and future prosperity of the United States which remains true today;

Whereas President Roosevelt held a meeting of State Governors to consider the importance of conservation of national resources, and this meeting became the first meeting of the National Governors Association, which celebrates its centennial in 2008;

Whereas President Roosevelt’s Conference of Governors started the 20th century with a vision for conservation and the public good, and provided the impetus to protect vital national resources for future generations of Americans;

Whereas many of the organizations that participated in the Conference continue to exercise public leadership, including the—

- (1) American Academy of Political and Social Science;
- (2) American Association for the Advancement of Science;
- (3) American Bar Association;
- (4) American Chemical Society;
- (5) American Civic Association;
- (6) American Economic Association;
- (7) Electrochemical Society;
- (8) AFL–CIO;
- (9) American Forests;
- (10) American Institute of Architects;
- (11) Institute of Electrical and Electronics Frontiers;
- (12) American Institute of Mining;
- (13) Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers;
- (14) American Medical Association;
- (15) National Mining Association;
- (16) Newspaper Association of America;
- (17) American Forest and Paper Association America;
- (18) American Forest and Paper Association;
- (19) American Public Health Association;
- (20) American Society of Civil Engineers;
- (21) American Society of Mechanical Engineers;
- (22) American Society for Testing Materials;

- (23) Association of State Geologists;
- (24) United Transportation Union;
- (25) General Federation of Women's Clubs;
- (26) Geological Society of America;
- (27) Lake Carriers' Association;
- (28) National Academy of Sciences;
- (29) National Association of Manufacturers;
- (30) National Association of State Universities;
- (31) National Business League;
- (32) American Insurance Association;
- (33) National Geographic Society;
- (34) National Grange;
- (35) National Hay Association;
- (36) Society of American Foresters;
- (37) National Grange;
- (38) National Hay Association; and
- (39) Society of American Foresters;

Whereas these organizations should be honored for their participation and continued public leadership;

Whereas the conference, due to the leadership of such an array of public institutions, private organizations, and individuals, remains a shining example of the power of civic participation in guiding public understanding of important policy decisions;

Whereas the conference recommended the appointment of the National Conservation Commission with Gifford Pinchot as chairman of the executive committee, which President Roosevelt did appoint on June 8, 1908;

Whereas the National Conservation Commission prepared the first inventory of the natural resources of the United States and reported this inventory to the Joint Conservation Congress which was attended by national leaders, 20

governors, and representatives of 22 State conservation commissions, who unanimously approved the report detailing the resources required for future economic expansion;

Whereas long term national prosperity requires the sustainable use of our natural resources, a concern reflected by President Roosevelt in his words and deeds;

Whereas President Roosevelt's concerns apply even more today as the population of the United States continues to grow; and

Whereas the centennial of President Roosevelt's meeting provides the opportunity for the Federal Government, State governments, and individuals to further the ideals of planning and conservation that were advanced at the initial Conference of Governors: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the United States House of Rep-
2 resentatives—

3 (1) recognizes, celebrates, and acknowledges the
4 goals and ideals that formed the impetus for Presi-
5 dent Roosevelt's Conference of Governors 100 years
6 ago;

7 (2) calls on the Federal Government, States, lo-
8 calities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses,
9 and the citizens of the United States to consider
10 what future efforts may be necessary to preserve for
11 future generations the resources that support our
12 current well-being; and

- 1 (3) supports the creation of a new national plan
- 2 to align the demands for economic development with
- 3 the resources of the United States.

